Transfer of the employees of ESIC Hospitals/Dispensaries

1291. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transfer of Group A and B Officers in Hospitals and Dispensaries of the Employees State Insurance Corporation has been referred to the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee of the Corporation;

(b) whether even then mass transfer of officers in Medical and Non-Medical Cadres has been effected incurring huge burden on the beneficiaries;

(c) whether such a situation may lead to collapse of essential Medical Services;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with the crisis effectively; and

(e) the steps being taken not to resort to unnecessary transfers of Group A and B Officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir, the final transfer policy is yet to be approved by the Standing Committee of the ESI Corporation.

(b) to (e) It has been decided that no transfers should be effected till the transfer policy is approved, unless it is completely unavoidable due to administrative reasons.

International Skill Development Fund

†1292. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Constitution of International Skill Development Fund have been suggested in the recently organised International Labour Conference;

(b) whether by constituting this fund it would be easier to provide modern training in an appropriate atmosphere and on low cost to the labour of a developing country like India;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the outlines of the constitution of this fund;

(d) the kind of training proposed to be provided to Indian labourers under the same; and

(e) the amount that would be incurred on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A suggestion was made for Constitution of International Skill Development Fund in the recently organized International Labour Conference. It was proposed to create this fund so that resources from the developed world could be mobilized to assist developing countries in their own efforts of skill development.

(c) to (e) Do not arise at this stage.

Protection of interest of Indian business processes outsourcing units

1293. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to protect the interest of Indian business processes outsourcing units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal to protect the interest of Indian business processes outsourcing units. However, in the wake of economic liberalisation, there is a proposal to amend the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 with a view to facilitate outsourcing of certain activities by an establishment, which would enable such units to face competition and survive in the market.

Child labour of Orissa

1294. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether child labourers are rampant in Orissa; and